

What is claimed is:

- 1        1.        A washing machine control method comprising steps of:
  - 2            supplying water to a tub for performing a final operational step;
  - 3            draining the water from the tub;
  - 4            sensing the temperature of the drained water; and
  - 5            controlling a dewatering speed according to the sensed water temperature.
- 1        2.        The method as claimed in claim 2, further comprising a step of performing a dewatering of the water in the tub, wherein the dewatering is performed at a reduced speed if the sensed temperature exceeds a predetermined temperature but is otherwise performed at a normal speed.
- 1        3.        The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the normal dewatering speed is limited to 1,000 rpm.
- 1        4.        The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the reduced dewatering speed is limited to 700 rpm.
- 1        5.        The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the predetermined temperature includes a plurality of referential water temperatures and wherein the reduced speed includes a plurality of correspondingly limiting dewatering speeds.